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SUBJECT: GERMAN REPORT ON ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF MICHAEL ROCKEFELLER  
REMAINS

REF : BANGKOK 18685

1. WHILE WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH GERMAN NEWSMAN KNIPS (HE APPARENTLY DID NOT LEAVE INDONESIA VIA JAKARTA) WE WOULD TEND TO REGARD HIS CLAIM TO HAVE DISCOVERED MICHAEL ROCKEFELLER BONES WITH UTMOST SKEPTICISM (REFTEL). TO CITE THE MOST OBVIOUS DISCREPANCY, AS IS WELL KNOWN ROCKEFELLER WAS NOT LOST IN BALIEM RIVER VALLEY (IN INTERIOR AREA) BUT AT SEA OFF THE ASMAT COAST ALMOST TWO HUNDRED MILES TO THE SOUTH. CLAIM THAT GERMAN TV CREW WAS IN DANGER FROM PAPUANS DETRACTS EVEN FURTHER FROM THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TALE, SINCE HOSTILITY TO FOREIGNERS IS NO LONGER PROBLEM IN ANY BUT THE MOST REMOTE AREAS OF IRIAN.

2. FOR SOME YEARS AFTER ROCKEFELLER DEATH, THIS EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED BY STREAM OF WOULD-BE CON-ARTISTS

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PEDDLING ALLEGED REMAINS, USUALLY IN HOPES OF

GENEROUS COMPENSATION FROM THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY.  
LAST SUCH EPISODE OCCURRED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. NEEDLESS  
TO SAY, NONE OF THESE CLAIMS HAS YET HAD ANY BASIS IN FACT.  
OBSERVERS WHO KNOW THE AREA BEST ARE CATHOLIC FATHERS  
OF CROZIER ORDER WHO OPERATE MISSION IN ASMAT AREA, SOME  
OF WHOM HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE THE ROCKEFELLER DEATH MORE THAN  
TEN YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO THEM, WHILE THERE IS A  
REMOTE CHANCE THAT ROCKEFELLER WAS MURDERED, WHAT  
ACTUALLY HAPPENED IS A MYSTERY AND IS LIKELY SO TO  
REMAIN.

3. INDONESIA PRESS IS ALSO CARRYING VERSION OF  
STORY PICKED UP FROM BANGKOK POST, ACCORDING TO WHICH  
ROCKEFELLER BONES ALREADY RECOVERED AND CARRIED TO  
BANGKOK BY KNIPS WHO WILL SEEK MEETING WITH ROCKEFELLER  
FAMILY IN NEW YORK.

4. WOULD COUNSEL THAT IF ANY APPROACH MADE TO  
ROCKEFELLER FAMILY THEY BE ADVISED THAT STORY IS  
ALMOST CERTAINLY GROUNDLESS, AS THEY WILL NO DOUBT  
ALREADY BE AWARE.

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